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FAIL TO HALT ARSENAL MAY-OFF OF 5,800

MAYOR AND AIDES LOSE U. S. FIGHT

Jordan Confirms Schriver's Report of Retention of 2,000 Men June 30.

Approximately 5,800 employees at the Rock Island arsenal will be laid off June 30, leaving about two thousand employees to man the plant and the Savannah proving grounds.

Mayor Harry M. Schriver returned from Washington, D. C., Friday night after spending two weeks with a delegation from Rock Island in an effort to avert the big layoff and the removal of arsenal departments.

This morning the mayor announced that he had been told by Congressman W. J. Graham of Illinois and Harry Hull of Iowa that they had been informed in Washington recently by Colonel Harry B. Jordan, commander of the arsenal, that 5,800 employees would be laid off June 30.

Colonel Jordan was called today in reference to the mayor's statement, and announced that he had given Congressman Graham and Hull an estimate of the number of employees that he believed would be maintained at the arsenal after June 30.

It has been stated on numerous occasions that fewer employees would be kept at the arsenal after the end of the fiscal year. The fiscal year ends June 30, and while I am not in the position to give an authoritative statement of the exact number of employees that will be kept, I can give an estimate that about two thousand will be the number.

The colonel said that there are now 7,800 employees in service at the arsenal. In case only 2,000 are retained 5,800 employees will be cut of the payroll.

Departments Being Removed.

The fight staged by Mayor Schriver and his delegation in Washington to avert the layoff and the removal of departments was lost. The harness department and the divisions of the carpentry and equipment departments which hinge on the harness department are to be removed to Jeffersonville, Ind.

The amendment that was tacked on the annual fortifications bill in the senate by Senator William S. Kenyon of Iowa, in an effort to tie up funds, in that bill or any previous bill, could be used by Secretary of War Newton D. Baker in carrying out the removals, was divorced from the bill in the conference committee after a strenuous fight by the Rock Island delegation.

Custom Puzzles Mayor.

Mayor Schriver said that a precedent as old as the government was set by the delegation, when it forced its way before the conferees, and presented evidence in opposition to the stand of army officials.

It was said in the past no one has been allowed to go before a conference committee on any matter.

In this case Mayor Schriver and his delegation managed to carry their fight before a session of the committee, when war department officials attempted to contradict their statements.

The conference committee was composed of Senators Smoot of Utah, chairman of the senate group; Kenyon of Iowa and Overman of North Carolina and Congressmen Simpson of Virginia, chairman of the house group; French of Idaho and Egan of Massachusetts. The entire senate group was for the amendment and also Congressmen French and Egan. Congressmen Simpson and French were against the amendment, but due to some peculiar custom that members of either house could follow their chairman, Congressmen French and Egan went over to the side of Congressman Simpson when it was found that he could not be won over, the mayor said. In view of this the senate group, to avoid further friction, also voted to cast out the amendment. As the result of this action all hope to save the arsenal intact was lost.

"Cold Storage" Plants.

As a further result the harness department and portions of the carpentry and equipment departments will go to Jeffersonville, Ind., where machine gun plant at Rochester, N. Y., will come to the Rock Island arsenal, all for "cold storage" purposes.

Backing this statement the mayor said that he had the word of Secretary Baker and General Rice. The former's statement was made in an interview with the delegation and the latter's before the conference committee.

Baker Obdurate.

The delegation left Rock Island two weeks ago, arriving in Washington at 9 o'clock Monday morning, May 3, and at noon of the same day went into conference with Secretary Baker for an hour. It was during this conference that the secretary said that the equipments were to be stored. He asserted that he had made up his mind to move

Carranza Escape Admitted by Chief of Rebels

Army Deserter Hides 2 Years Through Fear of Death by Firing Squad

Chillicothe, Ohio, May 15.—Stories of how a neighbor, deserted from the Union army during the Civil war, had been brought to bay in a nearby village by a United States marshal and shot, brought visions of a similar fate to Carl Amerine, and impelled him to hide in the hills for nearly two years rather than face a firing squad at Camp Sherman.

Amerine, drafted into the army, left a wife and 2-year-old baby at home in the quiet picturesque hills. He could neither read nor write and the largest village visited by him in his 24 years had numbered less than 1,000 persons. The bustling thousands at the camp, military restraint and customs weighed heavily upon him and an impelling desire to see his wife and baby boy led him to quit camp to see them without obtaining permission.

Told He Is Deserter.

At home, his father, a tottering wreck of the Civil war, told him he was a deserter. Visions of the firing squad flashed through his mind. Kissing his wife and baby goodbye, he took to the rugged hills.

There he found a cave in which he spent most of the time, venturing forth only at night and at times during the day, when there was little chance of being seen. His only fare was such scanty food that his wife could get to him and herbs and wild berries and such game that he could catch. The cave in which he lived is said to be large enough for only one person.

T. S. Gives Up Search.

Until a few days ago he had been seen by no one except his wife and a brother-in-law. Military authorities had abandoned the search for Amerine. Three weeks ago an attorney friend of the family became interested and implored the wife to have her husband return and give himself up. She steadfastly held that her husband would be shot.

Last week Clarence Stone of Adelphi managed to get word to the youth that his was not a case of desertion and there was no danger of a firing squad.

Returns to Camp.

Early Thursday morning he went to Stone's home. His wife brought his uniform which she had preserved for him and had nearly pressed for the occasion. With Stone and an attorney Amerine went to Camp Sherman and surrendered himself to the adjutant. He made no comment except to express himself as being well pleased that "it is all over."

VILLAGES NEAR DETROIT BREAK CENSUS RECORD

Washington, May 15.—All records for increase in population as reported in the 1920 census were broken today by two Detroit suburbs, Hamtramck and Highland Park, which since 1910 have increased 12.65 and 1,031 per cent respectively.

Detroit's automobile factory workers bought the two towns for homes and today the census bureau reported a population of 48,615 for Hamtramck, and 45,599 for Highland Park.

Prior to today's report, Kenmore, Ohio, with an increase of 712.5 per cent held the record for population growth.

Richmond, Ky., 5,622; increase 282, or 5.3 per cent.
Waltham, Mass., 20,891; increase 3,957, or 11.6 per cent.
Dunmore, Pa., 29,250; increase 2,635, or 15 per cent.
Carbondale, Pa., 18,640; increase 1,690, or 9.4 per cent.
Beaver Falls, Pa., 12,802; increase 611, or 5 per cent.

West Chester, Pa., 11,717; decrease 59, or 0.4 per cent.
Old Forge, Pa., 12,237; increase 913, or 8.1 per cent.
Dickinson City, Pa., 11,049; increase 1,718, or 15.4 per cent.
Olyphant, Pa., 10,226; increase 1,731, or 20.4 per cent.
Wyandotte, Mich., 12,851; increase 4,564, or 55.1 per cent.

Hamtramck, Mich., 48,615; increase 45,066, or 1,266 per cent.
Highland Park, Mich., 45,599; increase 42,173, or 1,031 per cent.
Hamtramck township, Wayne county, Mich., 49,287; increase 42,165, or 592 per cent.
Ecorse township, Wayne county, Mich., 22,911; increase 13,513, or 143.8 per cent.

QUINCY TRADES TO FIGHT OPEN SHOPS

Quincy, Ill., May 15.—At a meeting here last night, which lasted four hours, the Trades and Labor assembly declared war on the "American Open Shop Association," organized here earlier in the week, and authorized the appointment of a secret committee of 100 to conduct the fight.

FALLEN HEROES ARE EULOGIZED AT DEDICATION

Wilson Eulogy Read by Secretary Baker at Ceremony in Honor of Memorial at Arlington.

Washington, May 15.—The dedication of the national memorial at Arlington closes and commits to history a great episode in the making of the nation. President Wilson said in a message read at the dedication ceremonies today by Secretary of War Baker.

"Gathered into this national cemetery, and elsewhere, the president said, 'are most of the men who fought out the constitutional questions insoluble by other processes and now the government has set this great and beautiful building to stand like a sentinel on the banks of the Potomac and to view for all time, the capital of the reunited nation.'

"Time has thrown its softening influence over the controversy. Time has eliminated from our memory the bitterness which that controversy aroused, but time has only served to magnify the heroic valor of the captains and men who fought the great fight. As the nation arose, reunited, it found itself blessed with a great tradition. In these later days, that tradition has served the arms of millions of Americans called upon to vindicate upon foreign fields of battle the principles of political liberty. Who shall say whence the strength came of these matchless men? From every corner of our great country they came with one thought: that of devotion to the pure purpose for which their country called them."

Died as Soldiers Should. "They lived among our allies and faced the foe as soldiers from the new world should, conscious of their strength, confident of their cause, alike unselfish and unconquerable. And I like to think that in our hour of triumph, unseen, but potent, they stood beside them, the spirits of the great dead, the spirits of those who originally rescued America from the political tyrannies of the old world and dedicated and kept her free and just."

"I can not attend the ceremony of this dedication, but my heart is there, and with my fellow countrymen everywhere I join in great recognition of the virtues which this memorial commemorates and in reverent thanks to the God of nations that He has made it possible for us in this day to show the world that America is still baptized with a spirit of her founders and builders."

President Wilson reviewed a parade of soldiers, sailors, marines and veterans of the Civil, Spanish-American and world war which preceded the dedication.

The president was seated on the south portico of the White house as the parade passed soon after his signing the four-mile march to the cemetery. Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles (retired), led the procession.

SULTAN THREATENS TO QUIT OVER PACT

Constantinople, May 14.—(By The Associated Press.)—The Turkish sultan will resign his throne in protest against the severity of the peace treaty presented to Turkey by the allied powers, according to a rumor today, which is credited in many quarters.

The question was greeted with cheers from the Republican side and jeers and cat-calls from the minority section. Representative Upshaw made no answer, and Representative Blanton, Democrat, Texas, immediately demanded that the words be stricken from the record, declaring that the Republican members would not support the sentiment.

LATE BULLETINS

Doorn, Holland, May 15.—(By The Associated Press.)—Former Emperor William arrived here from Amerongen this morning. He has written several journalists and moving picture photographers who were waiting at an entrance of the exile's new home, while the automobile in which he arrived slipped through another.

Warsaw, May 14.—(By The Associated Press.)—The route of the 10th bolshevik division in a battle in the region of the mouth of the Beresina river is reported in an official communication issued today. In attempting to escape across the Dnieper, the remnants of the division were killed or captured.

Washington, May 15.—A tax on stock dividends to raise money for the proposed soldier relief legislation was rejected today by the Republican members of the ways and means committee. The defeat came as a result of a tie vote, 7-7.

PEACE BILL SLATED FOR VOTE TODAY

Senate to Act on G. O. P. Resolution to End War at 4 P. M.

Washington, May 15.—A vote will be taken by the senate at 4 p. m. today on the Republican resolution designed to repeal the joint resolutions which declared a state of war between the United States and Germany and Austria.

Opinion in congress was that adoption of the peace resolution was certain, with subsequent veto by President Wilson regarded as equally inevitable.

Illegal, Pomerene Says. Washington, May 15.—The Republican peace resolution was opposed as illegal by Senator Pomerene, Democrat, Ohio, in opening debate today on the measure which comes to a vote at 4 p. m. today. Only a few addresses will precede the roll call in which both Democrats and Republicans said would result in the adoption of the resolution.

Declaring that, although he agreed with Senator Knox, Republican, Pennsylvania, author of the resolution, as to the necessity of peace, Senator Pomerene said adoption of the resolution "would be worse than useless."

"If adoption were not illegal, it would mean the presidential disapproval," the Ohio senator added. "It will be an attempt by legislation to create a treaty and depends upon some action by Germany."

"The treaty now has no effect on the United States senate and yet we propose to accept all of its benefits without undertaking any of its obligations."

Interrupting to dispute this contention, Senator Knox said: "The resolution does not accept any benefits under the treaty. It simply doesn't waive any that may be derived. It holds things in status quo until a settlement with Germany."

"I fail to find anything in the distinction," Senator Pomerene replied.

BLUE AND GRAY MEET AGAIN IN SENATE BATTLE

Washington, May 15.—Sectional strife of Civil war days was revived briefly in the house today during a speech by Representative Upshaw, Democrat, Georgia, protesting against the elimination of the names of confederate generals from the roster of fame in the memorial amphitheatre at Arlington, dedicated today.

Representative Madden, Republican, Illinois, interrupted the speaker to ask:

"Does the gentleman protest because the loyal American people refuse to pay tribute to men who were traitors to their country in its hour of need?"

The question was greeted with cheers from the Republican side and jeers and cat-calls from the minority section. Representative Upshaw made no answer, and Representative Blanton, Democrat, Texas, immediately demanded that the words be stricken from the record, declaring that the Republican members would not support the sentiment.

The words were not stricken out and Representative Upshaw continued his speech.

RAIL BANDIT'S DEATH CHECKED PLOTS, BELIEF

Chicago, May 15.—The slaying of Horace Walton, 24 years old, in his apartment here early yesterday after he had successfully held up a mail car of an Illinois Central train prevented nation-wide train holdup attempts, federal authorities today believed.

Efforts were to be made today to definitely connect Walton with the robbery of a Santa Fe mail car near Lexington, Mo., the night of April 8. Between \$18,000 and \$60,000 was stolen. Authorities declare the Lexington and Chicago holdups were similar.

ARNSTEIN ENDS OWN MAN HUNT

Alleged "Master Mind" in Wall Street Bond Thefts Gives Himself Up.

New York, May 15.—Julius W. (Nicky) Arnstein, putative "master mind" of New York's \$5,000,000 bond theft plot, was arrested here today in the district attorney's office when he appeared there with his wife, Fannie Brice, the actress.

Arnstein told reporters he had been in Pittsburgh all the time the police have been looking for him. The elusive "Nicky" for whom the police from coast to coast and even the Canadian authorities have been searching, since last February, surrendered himself at the district attorney's office. Besides his wife, he was accompanied by William J. Fallon, his lawyer.

Unnoticed by Sleuths.

Arnstein described to newspaper men his entrance into the city unnoticed by the sleuths. He arrived at the Pennsylvania terminal from Pittsburgh this morning and was met by his wife in her automobile. He used her machine, he said, because the police had faithfully listed the number of his own car.

He drove down Fifth avenue in broad daylight and was not recognized despite the fact that he ran into his police pursuers, thousands strong, forming for the annual New York police parade.

The Arnstein car was held up for several minutes as the bluecoats fell in line and when he continued on his way to the Criminal Courts building, "Nicky" passed mile after mile of policemen, reviewing them from his machine as it went.

Capotes Top Parade.

Arnstein, when the machine passed the grand stand erected for the police parade, arose from his seat and mockingly lifted his hat to the high officials of the New York police force. Fearing he would be recognized, Miss Brice pulled her husband down into his seat and some of the police, misinterpreting the scene, concluded it must be a fight that was being staged before their eyes. They started toward the machine, but were reassured by the three passengers and returned to the great feature of the day—the annual police parade.

Unrecognized at Courts.

A score of detectives were leaving the criminal courts building when the Arnstein machine arrived there.

Just to make a spectacular finish, Arnstein had the car driven around the building several times and then stopped under the Bridge of Sighs.

Leaving the automobile, the trio entered the building unrecognized. An elevator operator, not a detective, was the first to recognize the elusive "Nicky."

Silent on Experiences.

New York, May 14.—"Nicky" Arnstein, alleged "master mind" in wholesale bond thefts from Wall Street brokers and who surrendered to Assistant District Attorney Dooling here today, refused to discuss his experiences of the last five months, or the charge on which he is being held.

"I will tell about them tomorrow," he said.

Asked if he had been hiding in Cleveland Arnstein said: "I was only there once, on Feb. 22."

John F. Dooling, assistant district attorney in charge of investigation of the bond theft cases, was not at his office when Arnstein arrived. Arnstein waited patiently.

According to reports, bail had been arranged for Arnstein. Bonds-men had arranged to put up \$50,000.

The reason given by Arnstein's friends that he did not give himself up sooner was because too high bail was demanded.

HEMP SHOES WORN TO TUMBLE PRICES

Madrid, May 14.—A movement by the people would be urged to wear hempen sandals instead of leather shoes has been initiated here to compel shoe dealers to cut present excessive prices.

Dispatches from the provinces state the idea is spreading and that literary, theatrical, military and social clubs are subscribing large funds in order to purchase shoes at wholesale and reselling them to members at low prices next winter.

WHEAT FLOUR LOW.

Copenhagen, May 15.—The stock of wheat flour here is low and the government will commence the rationing of bread, as a result of the seamen's strike.

REPUBLICAN DELEGATES FACING CUT

Pruning Over-Sized Delegations Will Lead to Many New Contests.

Chicago, May 15.—The right of over-sized delegations to the Republican national convention, already selected by several states, to sit in the meeting will be decided by the contest committee.

Examination today of the convention hall discloses that it provides that contests shall be deemed to exist wherever a state elects more delegates than provided for in the call.

Thompson Contested.

As a result, the right of William Hale Thompson, Republican committee-man from Illinois, to representation on the state's "Big Eight" will be contested.

The Republican state convention chose a "Big Ten" instead of the eight delegates-at-large to which the state is entitled, giving each of the 19 four-fifths of a vote. Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Nevada and Virginia have elected double delegations, with a half vote each, and Texas is said to be planning the same action.

May Renew State Feud.

As a result of the national committee's ruling, the fight between Mayor Thompson and Governor Frank O. Lowden may be injected into the convention. The mayor's platform was rejected by the state convention, but Thompson and Corporation Counsel Kittelson were added to the governor's "Big Eight" slate.

When the case comes before the contest committee, political leaders today predicted that Thompson and Kittelson would be forced into the position of minority delegates fighting the Lowden eight for seats.

I. W. Henry, secretary of the convention committee, has arranged for only 984 seats for delegates, and a similar number for alternates, and no more can be seated, he said today. Only enough badges will be provided for the delegates provided for by the call.

NO LETUP SEEN IN PEORIA CAR STRIKE BATTLE

Peoria, Ill., May 15.—The second day of Peoria's street car strike found no indications of an early settlement. Neither the Peoria Railway company, the men or the city had made any movement toward ending the strike, each apparently playing a waiting game. There was no trouble.

"If the public utilities commission was out of business, and we had our old franchise rights, the street cars would be running by night," Mayor E. N. Woodruff said this morning, as he pointed out the lack of power the city has in controlling public utilities under the present law.

The mayor late yesterday sent notice to H. E. Chubbuck, general manager, to resume service under his franchise, but there has as yet been no evidence on the part of the company to start the cars.

The Weather

Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday. Not much change in temperature.

Highest yesterday, 60; lowest last night, 43.

Wind velocity at 7 a. m., 3 miles per hour.

Precipitation last 24 hours, none.

12 m. 7 p.m. 1 a.m. yesterday, yesterday, today

Dry bulb temp. 55 58 59
Wet bulb temp. 44 46 44
Relative humidity 39 43 61
River stage 7.5, no change in the last 24 hours.

Washington, May 15.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are: Region of great lakes, occasional rains first half; generally fair thereafter; temperatures nearly normal.

Upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys: Showers early days; generally fair thereafter; temperatures near or slightly below normal.

River Forecast.

A falling tendency in the Mississippi will prevail from below DuBoque to Muscatine until heavy rains occur.

J. M. SHERIER, Meteorologist.

PEACE STATUS REMAINS VERY MUCH TANGLED

Resolution Veto Sure But Grounds are a Matter of Doubt.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.

(Special to The Argus).

Washington, D. C., May 15.—President Wilson is sharpening his veto pencil for the Knox peace resolution. In its present form, even as amended by the senate, it is objectionable to the White house, but there have been so many vital changes since the measure passed the house that it may be a simple repeal of wartime laws when it comes out of the conference between both houses of congress.

Therefore judgment must be suspended until the resolution actually comes to the White house, but unless further amendments are made it will be vetoed and with the veto message will come the treaty of Versailles as the unfulfilled task of the senate.

Interest centers more upon what ground the president will choose for his veto message than in the possibility that he might sign the resolution and point to its inadequacy by referring the treaty of peace itself to the senate for action.

Generally speaking, the president is said to contemplate vetoing the peace resolution on the ground that it distinctly interferes with the constitutional prerogative of the executive in making peace with a foreign government. While there might be no objection, for instance, in the repeal of war time laws from a domestic viewpoint, the president could contend that it deprives him of one of the most important weapons needed in negotiating peace with a foreign government.

For one thing it endeavors to dispose of German property in the United States in the sense that it removes from Mr. Wilson's hands the power to hold that property as a club over Germany in the event that a new negotiation for a treaty with Germany might later become necessary.

Lodge Anticipates Objection.

Senator Lodge himself has shrewdly withdrawn from the Knox resolution the request for a separate peace with Germany, thereby eliminating one patent objection which the executive could have raised, namely that the resolution is an effort to force the hand of the executive in negotiations with a foreign government by introducing legislative stipulations bearing upon the negotiations themselves.

Senator Knox, too, recognized the flaw in the house resolution when he eliminated the ultimatum requiring Germany to give America certain commercial rights—this being a matter, too, that could only be arranged by communication between the American executive and a foreign government.

But the dilemma for the president, it is recognized, comes from the fact that house Democrats were willing to support a resolution similar

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BOMB HURLED AS ERZBERGER IS ACCLAIMED

Berlin, May 15.—(By The Associated Press.)—An unknown man threw a hand grenade today into a hall at Enslingen, near Stuttgart, where the clerical party was holding a meeting in favor of the candidacy of former Vice Chancellor Erzberger for the Reichstag. Several persons were struck by fragments and injured, but none seriously.

The missile exploded with a deafening crash and filled the hall with smoke. Some of the fragments struck persons on the stage, among them Herr Erzberger. A wild panic ensued.

FRANCE BEGINS EVACUATION OF RHINE SECTION

BULLETIN.

Paris, May 15.—(By The Associated Press.)—Withdrawal of the French troops from the Frankfurt and Darmstadt regions, it is understood, has already begun, although formal orders for complete evacuation of this territory have not been issued by the French government.

The latter is awaiting the last checkings of the international military commission upon the retirement of the German forces from the Rhine.

The French withdrawal movement began early this week and has been proceeding gradually, so that at present only a mere skeleton of the French occupational forces remains.

Paris, May 15.—(By The Associated Press.)—A decree issued by the central executive committee, dated May 11, proclaims martial law in the provinces of central and northern Russia and Archangel.

The provincial executive committees are given full power to protect railways, military supplies, magazines and depots and to control telegraphic and telephone communication.

A 24-hour work day in the administrative offices is decreed, and means are to be taken to stimulate the production of war material.

Until the abolition of martial law, the executive committees are given the same powers as military tribunals to secure the carrying out of this program, including punishment for disobedience.

ELUDES FOE AND BREAKS FOR RANGES

Escape of Deposed President Is Admitted by General Obregon.

BULLETIN.

Washington, May 15.—Carranza's escape from the revolutionary forces which attacked his troops near Esperanza was reported today by General Obregon. In a message to revolutionary agents on the border which was forwarded her, Obregon said the deposed president had succeeded in breaking the revolutionary lines and, accompanied by a small escort, was moving southward into the mountains.

The message added that Carranza was being pushed by the revolutionists. Official reports reaching Washington today contained no additional news of the operations begun a week ago to effect the capture of the fleeing president.

Recent information, however, indicated that the fighting had not been as severe as reported unofficially.

Adds Complications.

The escape of the president was regarded by government officials here as adding a complex feature to the situation, since with him at large there is set up a rallying point for those opposed to the new forces. Carranza's chances of escaping capture were regarded as comparatively slight, however, largely because of his age and physical conditions which it was believed will make it difficult for him to undergo the hard riding and exposure he will be forced to face.

Escape Is Reported.

Vera Cruz, May 15.—(By The Associated Press.)—President Carranza, who has been fighting a grim battle against revolutionary forces near San Marcos for the last five days, has escaped capture, at least temporarily, according to dispatches from the battle zone. Accompanied by 1,000 men the president is believed to be in the mountainous country between Puebla and Oaxaca. He left a force of government soldiers behind him which still is fighting in an effort to delay pursuit of the fugitive chief executive.

Serious fighting probably has occurred since Carranza left the battle zone, as dispatches say prisoners have been captured by the attacking forces.

Early Word Contradicted.

New York, May 15.—General Carranza and 500 men have surrendered to the forces surrounding them in the Mexican mountains, according to word received here today by way of Nogales.

This information was given out by Manuel De La Pena, self-styled commercial attaché, in this city of the new Liberal Mexican government. He said he had received his information from Alfonso Almada of the Mexican bureau of information at Nogales.

General Santiago also surrendered with General Carranza, according to word received by de La Pena.

Troops in command of General Flores are in possession of the port of Mazatlan, on the west coast, according to the same source of information.

MARTIAL LAW IN NO. RUSSIA AND ARCHANGEL

Moscow, May 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—A decree issued by the central executive committee, dated May 11, proclaims martial law in the provinces of central and northern Russia and Archangel.

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